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SUBJECT: PARTIAL IVP NOMINEE JON EMIL GUDJONSSON

- 1. MISSION NOMINATES FOR PARTIAL IVP GRANT--INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AIR FARE PLUS PER DIEM IN WASHINGTON OR BOSTON--JON EMIL GUDJONSSON, DIRECTOR, ICELANDIC STATE EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING DEPT.
- 2. PARTIAL GRANT TO GUDJONSSON WOULD PERMIT HIM ATTEND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (AASA) IN ATLANTIC CITY FEB 22-26. PERIOD FEB 17-21 WOULD BE IN NEW YORK ON CU-DEVELOPED PROGRAM. PERIOD FEB 74-MAR 1 WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON PROGRAMMED BY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. (ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE BOSTON AND EDUCATIONAL RESEARCHERS THERE.)
- 3. NOMINATING DATA FOLLOWS: NAME: JON EMIL GUDJONSSON (GUTH-YON-SON). PLACE, DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 21, 1913 IN DALASYSLA, ICELAND. NATIONALITY: ICELANDIC. HOME ADDRESS: ESKIHLID 6, REYKJAVIK. ACADEMIC TRAINING: REYKJAVIK TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE. 1937: LECTURES AT SORBONNE, 1938. PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR ICELANDIC STATE EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING DEPT 1956-PRESENT. (QUASI-INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT AGENCY PUBLISHES ALL ICELANDIC SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS, PURCHASES AND SELL VIRTUALLY ALL EDUCATIONAL AIDES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT FOR ICELANDIC PUBLIC SCHOOLS.) IMPORTANT POSITIONS HELD IN PAST: OFFICE MANAGER THEN DIRECTOR, ICELANDIC CULTURAL FUND, 1939-56. (IN THIS CAPACITY VISITED US ON FOREIGN LEADER GRANT IN 1953) PUBLICATIONS: OCCASIONAL ARTICLES AND LECTURES. TRAVELS ABROAD: FRANCE (1938), USA (1953), UNCLASSIFIED

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VISIT), CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1973. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH GOOD. MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE. VISA ELIGIBILITY: NO PROBLEM.

- 4. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES IN US: ARR NYC FEB 17. CU-ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS FEB 18-21 IN NYC WITH EDUCATIONAL TEXTBOOK PUBLISHERS, PRODUCERS OF EDUCATIONAL AND AUDIO-VISUAL AID. (AGE OF STUDENTS 6-16). ATTENDANCE AASA CONVENTION, FEB 22-26.
 *3? 27-MARCH 1 CU-ARRANGED PROGRAM WASHINGTON RE RESEARCH IN TEXTBOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL AIDS, PLUS POSSIBLE VISIT GOVT PRINTING OFFICE. RETURN NYC/ICELAND MARCH 2.
- 5. PURPOSE OF TRIP: GUDJONSSON WILL CONTINUE IN PRESENT KEY
 POSITION FOR COMING TEN YEARS. AASA CONVENTION WILL INCLUDE
 -A NUMBER OF LARGE GENERAL SESSION, SOME 100 SMALLER GROUP
 MEETINGS COVERING EVERY MANNER OF EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES,
 AND A HUGE EXHIBITION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT..."
 SEVERAL ICELANDIC ORDERS FOR EQUIPMENT APT TO RESULT.
 ICELANDIC EDITORIAL AND PRINTING TECHNIQUES IN TEXTBOOKS
 EXPECTED BENEFIT AS RESULT OF NYC, WASHINGTON VISITS.
- 6. ADVISE APPROVAL NLT JAN 28. IRVING

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